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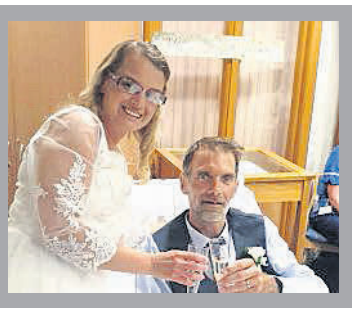

Jo's special 'thank-you' donation to hospital team

CALL TO FIGHT PLAN FOR WASTE TIP AT BEAUTY SPOT

Applicants say risk of odours and emissions is 'low' but campaign group urge residents to speak up before deadline for comments

Report by **Henry James**

CAMPAIGNERS are urging residents to tell Lancashire County Council what they think of plans to tip half-a-million tonnes of 'inert' waste at Parbold Hill, before the deadline for comments at 5pm on Wednesday, July 3.

The proposals include four lorry tipping bays only 20 metres from parking spaces at the popular local attraction where people stop to admire views stretching from Blackpool over Merseyside to Ashurst Beacon.

According to campaign group ARROW, although inert waste - often made up of building waste, gravel, sand, and stone - is not meant to include hazardous material or produce any landfill gasses, in practice it is often contaminated so can create gasses.

And they believe the problem with the Parbold plan is that the inert waste will be tipped on top of municipal or general waste buried there around 30 years ago, possibly disturbing the old landfill.

However, a statement issued by agents for the applicants said the risk of odours and fugitive emissions is 'low'; while the county council said the applicant will have to "demonstrate very special circumstances to justify the location of the development in the Green Belt."

Parbold Hill.

Del Ellis of campaign group ARROW said: "Tipping lorries will spoil the view in the exact place where people stop to admire the beautiful scenery at the top of Parbold Hill on the A5209.

"Who would want to buy an ice cream 20 metres from a lorry tipping waste?"

The new application says that the existing landfill height has sunk by nine metres. The new owner wants to raise the height by adding half-a-million million tonnes of inert waste.

Restoration

The proposal accepts that noise, vibration, dust and fugitive emissions will be high and that there will be 'medium odour' at the beauty spot.

A second application to West Lancashire Borough Council will follow for restoration and aftercare of the site. This will include a leisure area with wildflower pastures and the development of 24 holiday lodges in the woodland to the south of the site.

ARROW claims that large swathes of mature woodland will be felled to build the holiday lodges. And Del Ellis added: "The company is calling the plan a restoration initiative but it is in reality a landfill application. It is important that we all write

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Teenage martial arts ace Mia wins Team GB call-up to take on world!

A TEENAGER from Ormskirk has been called upon to represent Great Britain at the Cadet World Taekwondo Championship in Uzbekistan later this summer.

Scarisbrick Hall School pupil Mia Hadfield *(above)* is one of only 10 fighters from the UK selected to take part in the championships.

The 13-year-old trains at West Lancashire & Merseyside Taekwondo in Maghull and will be joined at the championships by 12-year-old clubmate Kevin Booth.

WLM Taekwondo is run by Mia's parents, Peter and Lisa Hadfield, along with Lisa's siblings John and Maria.

Club coach Maria said: "This is a massive achievement for the club, especially as only 10 fighters were selected throughout the UK including Kevin and Mia. Both are dedicated athletes who train four or five times per week."

The club has recently moved into new premises and Maria added: "Now we have these training facilities in place, Kevin and Mia will adhere to a vigorous training regime leading up to the world championship."

Mia also qualified for this year's European Championships in October by winning the European Club Championships in Greece earlier in the year.

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County chiefs claim 'positive steps' taken to bridge funding gap

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council chiefs say that new figures have shown "positive steps" have been made to address a funding gap which has been forecast at the authority.

Members of the cabinet were told at their latest meeting that a revenue underspend for the 2018/19 financial year has resulted in a much lower net reduction in reserves than was originally budgeted for.

The final financial outturn position at the end of 2018/19 showed there had been a net expenditure of £745.375m, which represents an underspend of £19.265m (2.52 per cent).

A report presented by council leader, Councillor Geoff Driver, showed that at the end of the 2018/19 financial year, £164.254m was available in the transitional reserve, set up to support the revenue budget, which is £24.893m better than previously forecast.

The council has previously indicated it would have sufficient funds remaining in reserves to support its budget until 2022/23, but is working on a number of measures to help it set sustainable budgets in future years without the use of reserves.

Councillor Geoff Driver.

The report states there were a number of areas where differences to the expected 2018/19 budget had been recorded. These included:

• £27.566m more than expected due to the sale of bonds and lower borrowing costs.

• £3.945m underspend by Public Health and Wellbeing due to staff vacancies and a reduced spend across commissioned services.

• £4.524m underspend by Waste Services due to a combination of reduced waste and operating costs and additional income.

• £10.234m overspend due to a reduced income from one-off capital receipts.

• £2.908 overspend in Education and Children's Services as a result of agency staffing and child placement costs;

Work is still progressing to identify additional savings aimed at reducing the requirement for reserves in 2020/21 and beyond to achieve sustainability.

Cllr. Driver said: "Like all councils we face significant financial pressures, which means difficult financial decisions have had to be taken and there is careful monitoring of all spending. Unfortunately more difficult decisions will be needed in the future.

"Our aim is to achieve a balanced budget without a reliance on reserves, to ensure the council is on a stable footing, and these figures show very positive steps have been made to ensuring this. However we also want to ensure we provide the best services possible for the people of Lancashire, particularly our older residents and children who need our help and support.

"Adult services and education and children's services, where £344.965m and £160.406m were spent respectively in the last financial year, are the largest service areas for expenditure covering almost 68% of our net budget."

Officers recommend approval for Aughton rail substation scheme

Report by **Henry James**

CONTROVERSIAL proposals to install a substation on Green Belt land adjacent to the railway line at Sandy Lane, Aughton have been recommended for approval.

The application will be heard by West Lancs Council's planning committee meeting tomorrow (Thursday, June 20).

It was initially earmarked to be determined under delegated power but Councillors O'Toole and Westley requested that it be considered by the committee, "to assess the impact of the proposed development on neighbouring amenity - including noise and electromagnetic impacts, the proposed siting of development and the impact on Green Belt."

The proposal is for a line of electricity transformation apparatus, which would serve the adjacent Ormskirk-Liverpool railway line. It would be placed in an area of active agricultural field approximately 2,000-metres squared.

However, the application has attracted 101 letters from residents objecting to the proposals raising concerns about a number of issues, including noise from the apparatus; the Green Belt location; the siting of an inappropriate industrial development in a rural location; and the structure being out of keeping with the character and visual quality of the locality. They feel that alternative locations are better suited.

Residents have waged a campaign against the plan.

The council has also received two signed petitions objecting, with 84 and 51 signatures respectively, as well as an online petition saying 'no' to the proposed substation and calling for a better alternative siting.

Aughton Parish Council is also opposed to the application citing its close proximity to dwellings and the detrimental effect on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties; a negative impact on the Green Belt; and concerns about light pollution, noise, flooding and drainage issues and loss of wildlife.

Despite these concerns, however, borough council officers feel the application should be granted.

The council's director of development and regeneration services John Harrison. concluded in his report for the application: "Whilst the development would have an impact on the immediate locality I consider the wider benefits of sustaining and enhancing public transport provision do amount to very special circumstances and those circumstances outweigh the identified harm and therefore recommend that planning permission is granted subject to conditions."

Residents urged to fight plans for waste tip at beauty spot

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to the county council to object to planning application LCC/2019/0028 by emailing devcon@lancashire.gov.uk.

"Calling it a 'restoration project' appears to be an attempt to avoid council policies which say there is no need for further landfill in this area.

"We don't want this development. We also don't want to be left with a half-completed project. With the application being split into two halves it creates a risk of that happening."

In response a statement by Peter Dickinson Architects, acting as agents for the applicant, Mayfield Investments Ltd, read: "The proposal for the former Parbold Quarry is to carry out vital land restoration works to prevent rainwater percolating into the former landfill where it becomes polluted and requires pumping from the site. The land has become depressed over time due to a lack of site maintenance, which was unforeseen by the previous landowners which the applicants must now rectify.

"In response to ARROW, the supporting Risk Assessment carried out by Terra Consult states that both the risk of odours and fugitive emissions is 'low' following their risk management recommendations. The statement by ARROW has overlooked the risk management recommendations.

"The applicants are extremely conscious of the existing site as a favoured local beauty spot and have included the construction of a much needed car park which will provide a wider range of views than the current layby and will resolve current highway safety concerns and provide an enhanced visitor experience. The car park is located sufficiently away from the proposed material delivery area so that visitor experiences will not be impacted by the works.

"The works are described as restoration as they are restoring the site to the original approved levels and use inert materials which are distinctly different to the previous landfill operations. By definition inert materials do not break down either biologically or chemically.

"The applicants have been advised by both Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council that the future recreational and leisure development must be part of a separate application. The work to restore the site levels, to their originally approved state, is vital to prevent further rainwater penetration and contamination.

"A full statement is available at www.peterdickinson.co.uk/blog-page."

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council added: "We will consider any responses received to the consultation when making a decision on this application. If planning permission were to be granted, a condition would be applied requiring agreement of a restoration scheme providing for the reclamation and landscaping of the site in the event that the separate application to the borough council does not get approved or does not proceed.

"As the site is within the Green Belt, the applicant will have to demonstrate very special circumstances to justify the location of the development."

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Public asked to put forward suitable sites for travellers

Local authority obliged to comply with national planning policy

WEST Lancs Council is asking residents to suggest sites in the borough which they think might be suitable for travellers or for travelling showpeople.

National planning policy requires local authorities to ensure that enough sites are made available within their boundaries to meet the needs of the travelling community.

And the lack of allocated sites in West Lancashire means that the borough is more vulnerable to the establishment of illegal encampments and weakens the council's ability to take quick and effective action to secure the removal of such.

The council is looking for three types of sites as follows:

- Those which may be used for travellers to base themselves throughout most of the year.
- Those for travelling showpeople to live and store their equipment outside their touring season.

Councillor David Evans.

- Those to meet the short-term transit needs of travellers who are passing through West Lancashire on their way to other destinations or who choose to occasionally visit the area for short periods.

Councillor David Evans, cabinet member for planning, said: "We know the issue of sites for the travelling community can be emotive and controversial. But this council needs to comply with national policy, and so we are looking to find the best possible sites to meet the needs of the established travelling community in West Lancashire.

"We are asking landowners and the public to make us aware of any sites that they know about that could be suitable."

Details of potential sites should be received by the council no later than Wednesday, July 31 and should be submitted on the official form. This will be available from Monday at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planningpolicy, or from the council offices, or can be requested by phoning 01695 585284.

The council will consider all appropriate sites suggested with a view to the most suitable potentially being proposed for allocation in any future Local Plan.

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Jo donates mementos of wedding day to thank hospital staff who pulled out all the stops to arrange service for dying fiance

A WOMAN who was able to marry her terminally ill fiancé shortly before he passed away after caring hospital staff at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust arranged a service within a matter of hours, has returned to donate her treasured wedding decorations to be used by other couples in the same situation.

Nick and Jo Glover from Halsall were married in the chapel at Wigan Infirmary on Sunday, April 28 surrounded by family, a day after Nick, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June 2018, was admitted to hospital.

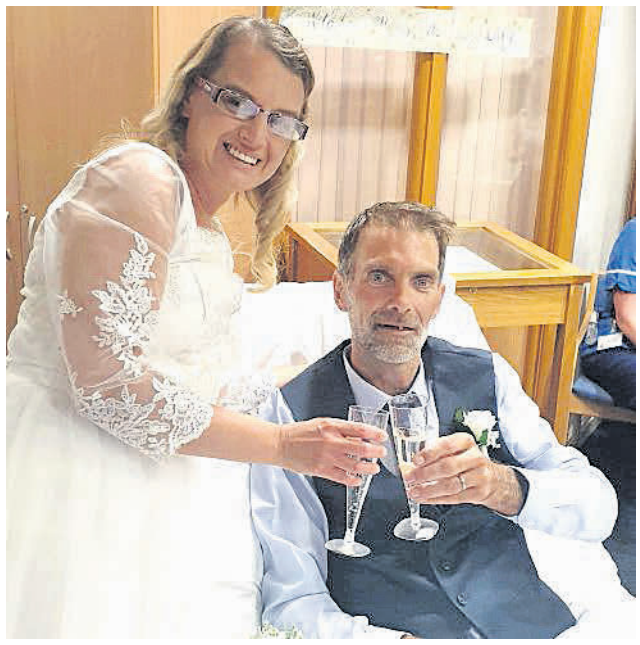
Following his diagnosis Nick decided to live life to the full but when the Macmillan palliative care team who supported him throughout, checked on him they suggested that the couple's wedding, originally scheduled for this month, should be held as soon as possible.

It was decided to hold the ceremony that day and Sarah Simm, Macmillan palliative care nurse, contacted chaplain Caroline Tracey to start the planning, while palliative care specialist nurse Janette Sanders, and fellow chaplain Michele Ryan, enrolled help from staff across the trust.

This included the catering team providing a buffet for guests and the portering team who helped Sarah and Janette escort Nick down to the chapel in his bed.

Their efforts were greatly appreciated by Jo who said; "All of the staff went above and beyond. With any difficulty that we came across in organising the wedding at such short notice there was always someone there to support us."

Despite his condition, Nick was able to read his own vows and following the ceremony, the couple were taken back to Lowton Ward where they were greeted by staff throwing confetti.



Jo and Nick after their hospital wedding service.

Sarah said: " Organising the wedding meant that we could help to bring some happy memories to Jo and Nick's final 24 hours together."

Later that night Nick passed away aged 51 and Caroline met with the family to perform final prayers.

Appreciation

His funeral was held on May 20 where Caroline was asked to officiate and Janette and Sarah handed out orders of service.

Following Nick's death Caroline kept in regular contact with Jo who was keen to make a donation to the trust.

Caroline said: "We had decorated the chapel with what decorations we had for the wedding but afterwards Jo said she wanted to donate some decorations should someone else need to hold a wedding."

The decorations Jo donated included electric candles, dream catchers and light-up frames and are kept together in a storage box with a plaque reading: 'Kindly donated with love from Nick & Jo Glover.'

Jo said: "It felt right to bring the items in to show our appreciation for all that everybody had done. I just know that Nick would be made up with what we've done.

"Everything just came together on that day. Nick's sister was in the area attending a party from her home down south, so she was able to come to the wedding, and his best man, Chris, was on his way home from a trip to Scotland and made it just in time.

"I'm just so thankful to everyone at the hospital who helped us and gave Nick his final wish."

As well as the decorations more than £1,500 has been donated to Macmillan in Nick's memory.

Caroline said: "We are very grateful for the donation and overwhelmed with what Jo has given to us for any other couples who may get married whilst in hospital."

Jo and Nick with hospital staff who pulled out all the stops helped to organise the couple's special wedding service.

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‘Financial crisis’ rumours prompt union chief’s demand for Northern rail franchise to come back under public ownership

THE general secretary of the Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association (TSSA), Manuel Cortes, has called for the Government to “put passengers first” and bring the Northern rail franchise back under public ownership.

The call follows speculation within the industry that Northern is facing a serious financial crisis.

Mr Cortes said: “The Government must act now and put passengers first. By all accounts Northern is failing and therefore can’t be allowed to stagger on for months causing yet more misery for passengers.

“A failing franchise won’t only not provide proper services, it’s likely to overlook non-urgent repairs and there is also the distinct possibility of overall safety being compromised. That is something this union will never allow.”

Northern has been contacted for comment.

All are welcome to attend borough’s special Armed Forces Day tribute

WEST Lancashire will honour the service and sacrifices made by our armed forces at a special event on Monday, June 24 to commemorate Armed Forces Day.

The War Memorial in Coronation Park, Ormskirk.

The Ministry of Defence flag will be raised at the War Memorial in Coronation Park, Ormskirk at a ceremony attended by service veterans; the Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire Mr Martin Ainscough; the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gaynar Owen; borough councillors and officers and local uniformed groups.

Everyone is invited to come along and pay their respects. Skelmersdale Prize Band will perform from 4.45pm, before the ceremony officially starts at 5pm when the Mayor’s Chaplain, will say a short prayer.

The Deputy Lieutenant will formally present the flag to the Mayor of West Lancashire who then make the following address: “We are honoured to receive this flag as a tribute to all our Armed Services, who have served in the past and are serving today.

“It is with pride that the Borough of West Lancashire shows its support by dedicating this moment to them. We trust that this ceremony will be remembered with warmth and affection by all men and women who are serving or have served the Colours.”

This will be followed by veteran’s tribute as follows: “Today, we have great pride in paying tribute to the men and women who defend Britain. Today we also remember the sacrifices made by the veterans of conflict. I hope that you will all join me today in paying homage to our armed forces past and present who serve our country each day with pride and dignity.”

The flag will then be raised by a veteran and the Skelmersdale Prize Band will play music as the flag is raised. The ceremony is expected to be completed by 5.20pm.

The Mayor, Councillor Gaynar Owen, said: “It will be a great privilege for me to take part in this special ceremony as we pay tribute to veterans and those who are currently serving in our armed forces. I hope many people will join us on this momentous occasion.”

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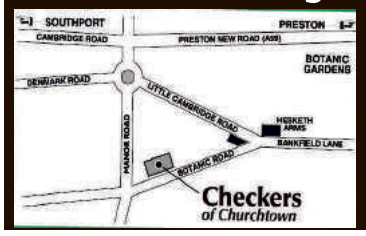

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Talented performing arts student Abbie takes a step closer to West End dream

Report by **Henry James**

A STUDENT from Hesketh Bank has taken a step closer to achieving her dream of performing on the West End stage after securing a place at Liverpool Theatre School.

Former Tarleton Academy pupil Abbie Coy landed a place on a three-year Professional Musical Theatre course after impressing the panel with her singing, dancing and acting skills during a recent audition.

And enrolling at the prestigious performing arts school ticked another box for the 21-year-old who has also just completed a degree in history at Manchester Metropolitan University.

She said: "I've always loved theatre and I've been dancing since the age of four but I really got the theatre bug after performing in local productions of *Cinderella* and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

"When the audition for Liverpool Theatre School came up, I was determined to give it a shot and I'm absolutely over the moon to have been offered a place. I can't wait to start my professional training in September."

Abbie Coy has got her sights set on the West End after winning a place at the prestigious Liverpool Theatre School.

Maxine Ellis, principal at the Liverpool Theatre School, rated 'outstanding' in all areas during a recent Ofsted inspection, said: "Abbie clearly has natural talent in singing, dancing and acting. She demonstrated real confidence and passion for musical theatre during her audition and we were hugely impressed by her star quality.

"As an extremely talented young performer, Abbie is well deserving of a place on our Professional Musical Theatre Course. We are really looking forward to working with her over the next three years to perfect her skills and prepare her for a professional career in musical theatre."

Liverpool Theatre School, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, is one of only two training colleges in the North West to offer the prestigious Trinity College London Diploma in both Professional Musical Theatre and Professional Acting.

It is also just one of a handful of establishments offering an Andrew Lloyd Webber-funded scholarship.

Graduates of the school have gone on to appear in hit shows from the West End to Las Vegas. And alumni include Carina Gillespie, who is appearing in *Wicked* in the West End, Tommy Sherlock, who is starring in *Tenors of Rock* in Las Vegas and Alex Patmore, who has just landed a lead role in *Blood Brothers*.

Nature lovers wanted to join the Rangers' Beacon Park 'Bioblitz'!

PEOPLE with a passion for their local wildlife are being urged to head for the 'Bioblitz' at Beacon Country Park this Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23.

West Lancashire Borough Council's Countryside Rangers are aiming to record as many of the park's plant and animal species as possible over one weekend - and they need help!

Maps and record sheets will be available outside the Ranger Office in the park's Visitor Centre all weekend. People are encouraged to explore areas of the park to record as many different plants and animal species that they can identify - be it birds, bees or butterflies - if it's there then the Rangers want to know.

If people find something interesting at the park that they can't identify then they are advised to take a photo. Pictures can then be posted on the Rangers' Facebook page for identification purposes and inclusion in the results.

Anyone with an area of expertise in wildlife or plants and wildflowers interested in helping at the event is asked to contact the Rangers by email to beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "If you are interested in finding out more about your local wildlife and environment then the Bioblitz is just the event for you. The information you collect with the Rangers will provide a valuable insight into life in Beacon Country Park."

As well as collating data from surveys and photographs, the Rangers are organising the following introductory walks over the weekend to help people find out more about the park's animal and plant life:

Saturday, June 22: Meadow surveying midday to 1pm; bird identification 2 to 3pm; pond dipping 4 to 5pm; moth trapping 9.30pm.

Sunday, June 23: Dawn chorus walk 4.30am; moth identification 7 to 8am; mammal surveying 9 to 10am; bees and wasps 11am to midday

Booking is not required for these sessions but residents are being asked to register their interest by ringing 01695 622794 or emailing beacon.park@westlancs.gov.uk.

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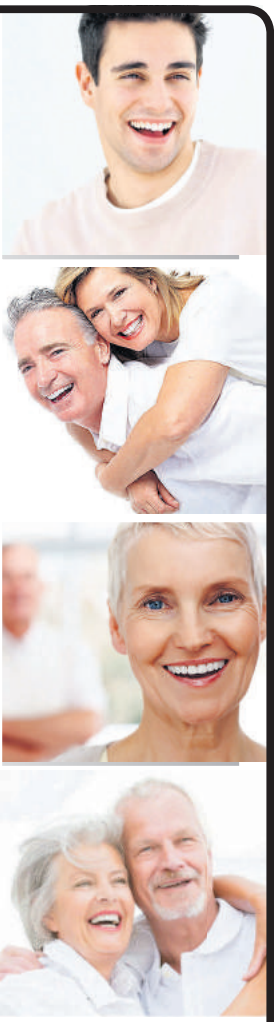

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Golf club seeks help of university ecology experts to enhance wildlife on courses

Project is aimed at encouraging players to take active interest in protecting environment

HURLSTON Hall Golf Club has sought to enhance the wildlife on its courses by enlisting the help of ecologists from Edge Hill University.

Dr Sven Bakte and Thom Dallimore from the university have begun carrying out a preliminary investigation of the site's flora and fauna.

The ultimate aim is for the ecologists to make recommendations for land management practices which will protect and encourage further species diversity, without compromising the current golfing activities on site.

Future studies could review the effectiveness of these recommendations and good practices and the results could be shared within the golf club community..

Opportunity

Hurlston Hall Golf Club covers 160 acres, large areas of which are out of play and thus provide an ideal space for a variety of wildlife. Habitats include grassland, woodland, ponds and two brooks

Edge Hill University offers a number of popular BSc (Hons) degree programmes in ecology and conservation, plant science and biology and a MSc programme in conservation management.

The golf club hopes that its collaboration with Edge Hill will support its efforts to enhance the biodiversity on site and give students and university staff the opportunity to develop their practical skills in field biology.

Dr Sven Bakte (right) and Thom Dallimore carrying out a biodiversity survey at Hurlston Hall Golf Club.

The club says, however, that the new collaboration will not in any way be compromising the quality of the golf course but will support ongoing efforts to enhance the biodiversity value in areas that are not used.

Club member and project co-ordinator, Leigh McEvoy, said: "A richer habitat beyond the fairways is pleasing on the eye and the wildlife in it adds to the pleasure of a round of golf.

"It is hoped that this project will encourage even more players to take an active interest in the environment and its protection and we invite interested people to get involved."

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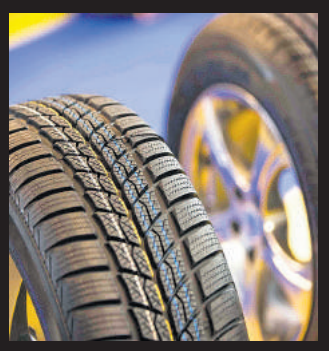

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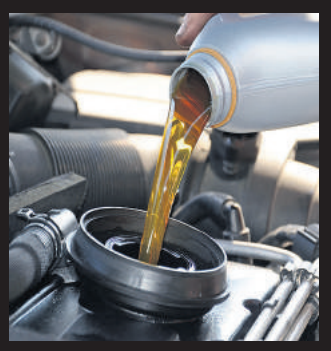

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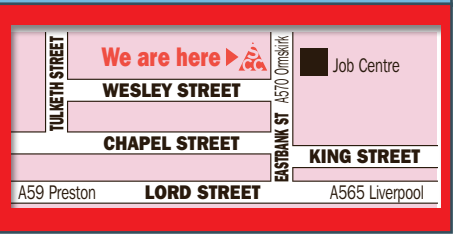

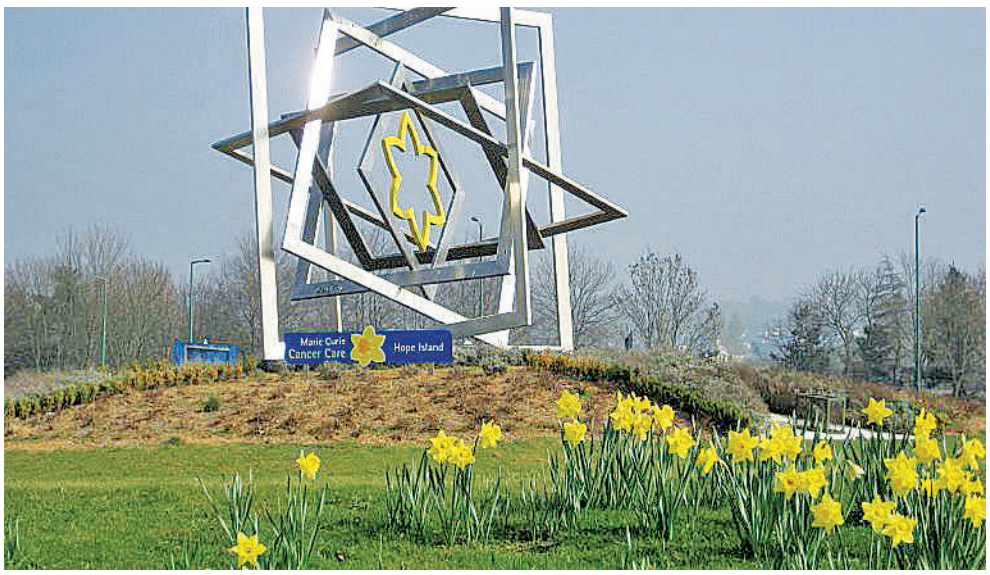

Hope Island in Skelmersdale - West Lancs Council has promised to 'revive' it with floral tributes to local cancer sufferers.

Council promising fresh look for key borough gateways

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has unveiled plans to improve the appearance of two key gateways to the borough.

As part of the public realm works the council undertakes on behalf of Lancashire County Council, a number of gateway roundabouts are maintained, in addition to maintaining the grass and controlling weed growth. This year it plans to improve two key locations.

The roundabout next to Ormskirk Fire Station will be planted up with seasonal bedding plants around the existing shrubbery to provide a vibrant, colourful welcome to the town.

And later in the year, following generous contributions from local residents, Hope Island in Skelmersdale will be planted with daffodil bulbs to help revive the roundabout in tribute to local cancer sufferers.

Councillor Kev Wilkie, West Lancs Council cabinet member for street scene, said: "The council is ambitious for West Lancashire to have a good quality environment.

"We are really pleased to be working with Lancashire County Council and local residents to bring about these improvements in key locations across the borough that really matter to local residents."

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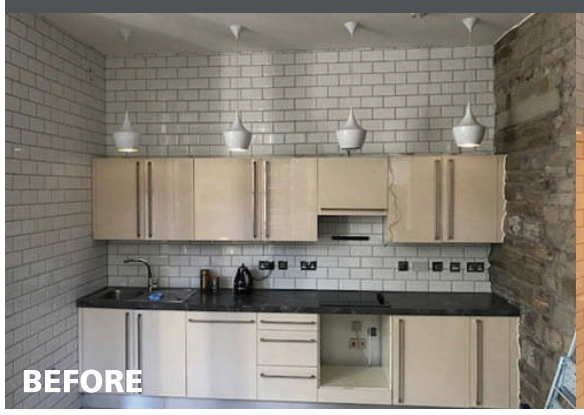

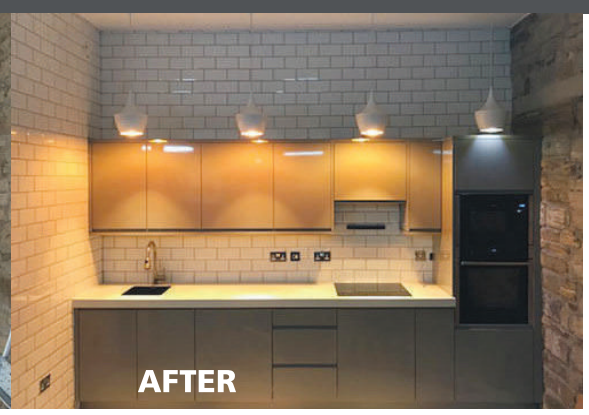

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Church launches monthly midweek service and community lunch

HOLY Trinity Church Bickerstaffe is now holding a midweek service and lunch in the community once a month aimed at those who have difficulty attending church on a Sunday and at helping to combat loneliness in the community.

The shortened Common Worship Holy Communion service, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch, will take place at 11am on the first Wednesday of the month at Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe.

A £2 donation is suggested.

Churchwarden Edward McCarthy said: "This new service is open to everyone and is a great opportunity for fellowship. Our special service with lunch means sharing good food and good company in a relaxed environment, which encourages people to get to know each other.

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I wasn't born a grumpy old man but I just might be growing into the role

SOMETIMES these days I think I must have been born a grumpy old man, then I remember my late brother George, who was!

However, the fact remains that as a teenager and young adult I don't suppose I was ever a member of the 'swinging' scene, I was too busy trying to be truly grown-up.

But what, you may say, about the drugs and sex and rock 'n' roll? Well, in the sex department I suppose I did rather well. As for the rock 'n' roll, well I can still manage to sing one or two of the songs, including some from the late 1950s, and hum along to the tunes of many others, even if the words could sometimes be just a wee bit daft.

It's just a pity though that I am not now eligible as prospective leader of the Conservative Party since I can honestly say - hand on heart - that I have never in my life tried 'recreational' drugs, not even 'pot'!

And more than that, particularly since for the first half of my adult life I spent much of my leisure time in pubs up and down the country, I can honestly say - again, hand on heart - I have never, ever been approached by anyone trying to sell me drugs of any sort.

So there I am, clean as the proverbial. And sober now as well, though I still feel somewhat proud when I remember the manageress of one establishment who once told me: "One of the things I like about you is that no matter how much you drink, you always remain a gentleman".

Had our son not died as a baby, I reckon too that I would, perforce, have kept up far better with modern idioms and fancies. Or, indeed, had I remained in my job with British Telecom I would most certainly not now be computer illiterate.

Mind you, since I was an early convert to credit and debit cards (though boringly I pay my bills each month) I think it is probably deliberate awkwardness on my part which prompts me to use cash for everyday items. And, I think, as a plus this gives you a far better idea of how much you actually are spending in the supermarket too. I have this idea that I would like to be the last person in the country to pay real cash for something in a shop.

But try as I might, I cannot help feeling envious of those (often, but not always young people) folk at a bus stop who whiz out their tablets to tell me that the bus was five minutes late at its last stop. Try as I might to convince myself that it's fun not knowing, I know it isn't. It is an interesting fact though that so long as you do not tell someone that you are more or less totally ignorant of the workings of these modern gadgets, they think you are quite normal and so you can get along with your old bus timetable, listen to weather forecasts on the radio, and pay for your cocoa and milk with real money without anyone bothering you at all.

Once you have admitted that you have little idea how even to switch one of these gadgets on, people seem to think either that you have gone mad or that you are deliberately being awkward.

And perhaps I am at that, but I'll tell you this, things are far more simple in Jim's little old-fashioned world. And when I am all alone with dogs Tina and Cinders on our boat in Norfolk it is possible to get by, meeting and talking to strangers, without anything having to intrude in my own 1960s world.

Believe me, it is a far simpler world with far fewer petty restrictions and probably a lot more spontaneity than in the present climate of things being 'unacceptable' and care taken before you utter any word.

But then, I suppose I must have just about caught up with my actual age, so perhaps the best thing is to slip into my role as a slightly cantankerous but hopefully grumpy, yet loveable old man.

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County council pledge to encourage more recruits from forces

LANCASHIRE County Council is pledging to improve its recruitment from the armed forces community and encourage the use of their experience to meet skills gaps.

At the meeting of the authority's cabinet on Thursday, June 13, approval was given to prepare an application to the Ministry of Defence's 2020 Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award.

As part of this work, the council will consider improving its recruitment policy to encourage more people from the armed forces community to apply for jobs with the authority.

It would also look at how the skills and experience within the armed forces community could help to meet the future needs of employers in the county.

Council leader, County Councillor Geoff Driver, said: "We're proud of our ongoing work to support Lancashire's armed forces community, which includes people currently in service, veterans and their families. We want to strengthen those links even more.

"We've already introduced a number of policies to honour our Armed Forces Covenant commitment, which we signed with other organisations in 2013. This includes our nationally-recognised Mentoring in Schools Programme, which involves veterans working in secondary schools to encourage and mentor young people. We want to go even further with our support.

"The 75th anniversary of D-Day recently reminds us of the sacrifices made by our armed forces as they serve our country, and that we should assist and support them."

To receive the 2020 Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award, the county council will need to demonstrate armed forces-friendly recruitment processes, raise awareness of issues affecting the armed forces community with their own staff, and encourage support from other organisations.

Edge Hill in Guardian Guide top 50

EDGE Hill has been placed in the top 50 UK universities in the Guardian University Guide 2020.

The Ormskirk university moves up seven places to 48th in the guide and is one of only four in the North West featured in the top 50 alongside Manchester (40), Liverpool Hope (43) and Liverpool (50).

Aimed at students trying to choose a university, the Guardian Guide rankings are based on factors including the standard of teaching, whether current students like the university and their subject, and their chances of getting a job.

Vice-chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "I'm delighted by this deserved recognition. "We continue to work hard to make Edge Hill the university of choice for students, offering them high quality teaching, an outstanding student experience and, ultimately, equipping them with the skills they need for a successful career.

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Here's a simple solution to the railway bridge problem

RE: The plan for the Derby Street railway bridge (Champion, June 12) I would like to respond in the letters section as follows:

The answer to this is reasonably simple.

First: Enforce the 18-ton limit on the bridge. The restriction is currently completely ignored!

Installation of a camera with a £60 fine would reap huge financial rewards. Between the hours of 07.30 and 19.30 every weekday, that bridge must be crossed by almost 100 articulated 38-ton trucks.

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Second: Install a footbridge on the station direct from the current platform to either the disused platform or onto Railway Approach.

That would take a huge amount of pedestrian traffic off the dangerous narrow pavement on the bridge.

The fines generated by the enforcement of the weight limit would fund the footbridge and go some way to paying for the bridge repairs!

Anyone care to tell me why this isn't feasible?

David Johnson, Aughton.

We deserve better than being the 'third-rate poor relations'

RE: 'Bridge Plan Will Cause Traffic Chaos' (Champion, June 12) I fear we are the poor relations in Lancashire.

Bravo, Councillor Hennessy for saying that third rate is not good enough here. We have become accustomed to a totally inadequate road network, but with traffic turning in and out of the station and lots and lots of pedestrians to keep safe, single-lane traffic will cause chaos and back-up the whole system making it even worse.

Councillor Iddon says that the traffic lights at the Five Ways will be altered AGAIN! and in the town itself, and that they are going to try to keep HGVs out of Ormskirk and keep traffic flowing on surrounding roads.

Which roads? Perhaps he is thinking of sending more traffic through Newburgh/Burscough/Square Lane/A59/Scarisbrick?

If we are serious about encouraging use of public transport we must insist on safe pedestrian routes from our railway station to the town centre and the idea that Ormskirk should reduce capacity on its roads is baffling.

We deserve better.

T. R., by email.

Local politicians need to look at all sides of an issue instead of always seeking to play the 'blame game'

I WAS incensed but not surprised, by the comments made by Councillor Hennessy on last week's front page.

She alleges Lancashire's administration are seeking 'to do work on the cheap' to the Derby Street railway bridge, rather than build a new bridge.

Political allegiances aside, in my view, local councillors all too often engage in the political blame game, rather than looking at issues from an informed, impartial and pragmatic viewpoint.

As Councillor Hennessy should be aware the existing structure is under a conservation order and any solution to this structure will be a compromise. Any remedial or reconstruction work to this structure will inevitably require traffic diversions and delays whilst this work is carried out.

The key to any construction of this nature, in a busy urban location, is to minimise disruption to the public whilst maintaining safety and building an economic and viable solution.

The administration have a duty to ensure public funds are spent wisely. I do not always agree with the way in which public money is raised and spent, however in this instance, I agree with the county council's cabinet member for highways who appears to be taking a sensible and logical approach to this issue by considering options before reaching a conclusion.

It saddens me that local governance, all too often, stoops to the level of political oneupmanship, rather than looking at the interests of the community. It is for this reason that many people have turned their back on the main political parties and voted for alternative candidates in local elections.

Phil Girling, Bickerstaffe.

So grateful for our lovely park

I WOULD just like to express my gratitude for our Ormskirk park.

Thanks to West Lancs Council and volunteers for all their dedication, skills and work keeping it lovely as it is.

One morning while enjoying walking through the colourful wildlife and wild flower meadow, the council workers were litter-picking and emptying the waste bins.

Although this might seem a thankless task it is much appreciated, making our park tidy and clean once again for more of the local community and visitors alike to enjoy.

Thank-you to everyone involved.

Ms J. Jones, Ormskirk.

Even Beethoven was considered 'too radical' in his day, Jim!

IN reply to Jim Sharpe's column about so-called modern 'classic music' (Champion, June 12) can I say that people thought many of the great classical composers were too radical in their days (e.g. Beethoven).

We need radio stations to play music that will encourage a new generation of classical music lovers otherwise we'll lose our amazing orchestras in the UK.

He also needs to get his facts right. There is only one piece of film music in the top 30 Classic FM Hall of Fame and that is the music to Schindler's List by John Williams!

Einaudi's highest entry is 117!

Julia Maxted, Aughton.

Over-75s worried about TV licence can easily check if they're entitled to Pension Credit

I AM writing with regard to pensioners who are not on Pension Credit and are afraid they will have to pay for their TV Licence if they are over 75 from next year.

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PICTURE of the week

THIS close-up shot of a hare hiding in lush green grass was submitted by Champion reader Mark Randles and captured when he was out and about enjoying a walk in the Crossens countryside.
If you would like to submit a photo to be considered for our Picture of the Week slot, you can simply email it to editorial@champnews.com.
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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed on this page. They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

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Still time to have your say about council services

THERE is still time for residents of West Lancs to give their views on the borough council and the services it provides via the authority's 2019 Citizens Survey.

A number of important themes are covered in the survey including community safety and satisfaction levels with council services. People can also give their feedback on what it is like to live in the borough.

Many residents have already had their say but there is still time to take part as the survey is open until Monday, July 8.

A number of residents have been sent a letter inviting them to complete the survey and give their opinions which can help influence decisions taken by the council. However, anyone living in the borough can take part by completing the survey online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/cssurvey.

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "The Citizens Survey is an important opportunity for people living in West Lancashire to give their views on the important issues raised. We are very grateful to those who have already completed the survey and hope that many more will take this opportunity to have their say on borough council services."

Councillor Ian Moran.

...and to pay for garden waste collection!

MEANWHILE the council is also reminding residents that the new subscription year for aurthority's chargeable Garden Waste Collection Service began on Monday, June 3.

Both previous users and new customers can sign up and pay the 2019/2020 subscription online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

The cost of the service remains the same this subscription year, which runs until May 31 2020, and further information including prices for additional bins is available online.

Residents who have a brown bin and sign up are asked to put their house number in the white square on the front of the bin so it can be identified and their subscription validated by collection staff using the data on board the vehicle.

Councillor Kev Wilkie, the council's cabinet member for street scene, said: "Many of us will be busy in the garden over the coming months and as well as enjoying the benefits of the service, residents who sign up and pay can also help minimise the amount of waste going to landfill and contribute towards protecting the environment."

Residents who are unable to sign up online with a payment card could ask a family member to help or they can contact Customer Services to seek further advice and assistance on how to make a payment.

Those residents who decide not to use the service will still be able to dispose their garden waste at the borough's household waste recycling centres or compost it.

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Taxi driver performs baptism service for customer's daughter!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A TAXI driver with an Ormskirk firm performed an infant baptism for a customer after she found out at late notice that a previously-arranged church service had been double-booked.

Natalie Duong booked a baptism service at St George's RC Church, Maghull for her three-year-old daughter Ava around February time and an after-service party at St George's Parish Centre.

But just weeks before the event she learned that because of a 'miscommunication' the baptism service would not be going ahead as planned after all.

Having already paid for the venue and buffet she decided just to have a birthday party for Ava instead - until she got into a Ormskirk Blueline cab and got talking to driver Chris Toop about what had happened who in turn told fellow Blueline driver Paul Newbery.

Chris and Paul, who are both gay priests ordained by the Merseysyide Open Community Church, agreed to carry out the baptism service themselves at St George's Parish Centre.

Natalie, from Maghull, said: "Due to a miscommunication the church had a double booking. They suggested I have the baptism in August but it was all planned. I had sent out all the invitations and the venue and food were booked and all paid off,

Paul Newbery conducting the baptism service.

"When I told Chris what had happened with my daughter's christening he said he would speak to Paul and they sorted it all within a couple of weeks."

Paul said: "We were more than happy to perform this service. I carried out the service, my first baptism since becoming ordained with the support of Chris. It was a lovely afternoon, it was really quite nice."

Paul's background is with the Catholic church but he says he couldn't be ordained to serve with the Catholic church because of his sexuality, However, he believes that will change.

He said: "The Pope is having discussions about homosexuality and what is really exciting is that people like Chris and myself, who are spreading the word under the Catholic tradition, are going to be the people that eventually will be invited to the mainstream church because they will welcome everybody, which I hate to say is how it should be.

"We do rely on contributions and donations to help go out and do more. Which is why we work part-time. We are not mainstream church priests and we are not paid a salary."

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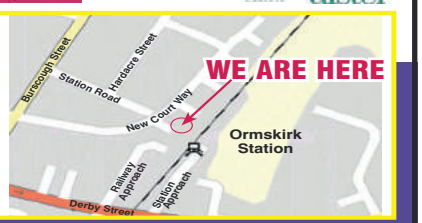

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Heritage group appeal to shoppers in bid to bag community scheme funds

Report by **Henry James**

Happy visitors enjoying an earlier Burscough Heritage Weekend.

OFFICIALS of a local heritage group are appealing to shoppers to help them bag a four-figure cash boost in a supermarket community funding scheme.

The Burscough Heritage group is one of three contenders shortlisted in the latest round of awards in the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch the scheme which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 awarded to local community projects every two months.

Three groups in every Tesco region are shortlisted to receive the cash with shoppers invited to vote for their favoured project by using a token given to them at the check-out each time.

The three cash amounts are then awarded based on the number of votes each project receives.

Voting at the Burscough Bridge Tesco is open until the end of June.

Meanwhile the countdown is now on to this year's ninth Burscough Heritage Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. Based around Burscough Wharf, the event has grown to become one of the biggest free events in the area's year.

And the Burscough Heritage Group, who organise the weekend, are already starting to look forward to next year and say scooping the top award in the Tesco scheme would go a long way to helping to make the 10th event the biggest and best yet.

Group chairman, Tom Spencer, said: "While we have great continuing support from the owners of the Wharf, Burscough Parish Council and this year from builders Redrow, it would be smashing to have a bit more money in the pot to make Burscough Heritage weekend 2020 even bigger and better - so we are asking all local Tesco shoppers to put their tokens in our slot!"

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already provided more than £75m to more than 25,000 projects across Britain. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups every time they shop. Every other month, when votes are collected, three groups in each of Tesco's regions will be awarded funding.

For more information about this and next year's Burscough Heritage weekend ring Colin on 07931 356204 or search for the Burscough Heritage group on Facebook.

Alec Brown, head of community at Tesco, said: "Bags of Help contributes funds to community projects up and down the country and we've been overwhelmed by the response from customers voting in their local stores. We're looking forward to seeing more projects brought to life."

Funding is available to community groups and charities looking to fund local projects that bring benefits to communities. Anyone can nominate a project and organizations can apply online. To find out more visit www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp.

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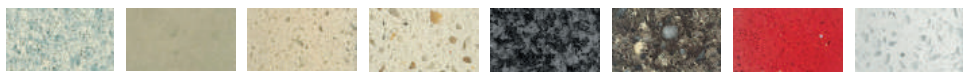

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Most searched for people on Wikipedia linked to West Lancs revealed

Report by **Henry James**

A MAP has been revealed which shows the most searched for people on online encyclopaedia Wikipedia from towns and villages in West Lancashire, with former footballers and actors figuring prominently.

The people featured have to have been born, lived in or been connected to a place, with data collected from 2015 to May 2019 from English Wikipedia.

Perhaps surprisingly, using the criteria, the most searched for person connected with Ormskirk is former Liverpool defender Stephen Warnock.

While for neighbouring Skelmersdale another ex-footballer, former Everton midfielder Leon Osman, tops the poll.

TV and theatre actor, director and producer Andrew Lancel, probably best known for his role in the long-running television police drama *The Bill*, is listed as most searched for person connected with Rufford.

And actress Eva Pope, who played headmistress Rachel Mason in BBC school saga *Waterloo Road* and also appeared in *Coronation Street,* is the most searched for person with connections to Appley Bridge.

Another footballer, the late, former Liverpool and Everton player, Gary Ablett is most 'Wikipedia'd' with links to Tarleton.

Jack Hiller, a goalkeeper in the Football League for Chester, is shown for Halsall, while Mark Anthony Beesley, a former striker and now assitant manager at non-league Warrington Town is the most searched for in Burscough.

Justine Curran, a retired British police officer who served as Chief Constable of Humberside Police until February 2017, is connected with Parbold.

And Sir James Pemberton, the English goldsmith who was Lord Mayor of London way back in 1611 is shown for Wrighington.

Prominent English nobleman, diplomat and politician Henry Stanley 4th Earl of Derby KG is the person most searched for with links to Lathom. And for Up Holland it is Catherine Ashton, a British Labour Party politician who served as the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and First Vice President of the European Commission in the Barroso Commission from 2009 to 2014.

Most searched for person connected to Bickerstaffe is the late radio broadcaster and personality Norman Thomas.

And yet another footballer, former Everton midfielder Colin Harvey, is the most searched for connected with Aughton.

Former Everton footballer Leon Osman - most searched for person linked to Skelmersdale.

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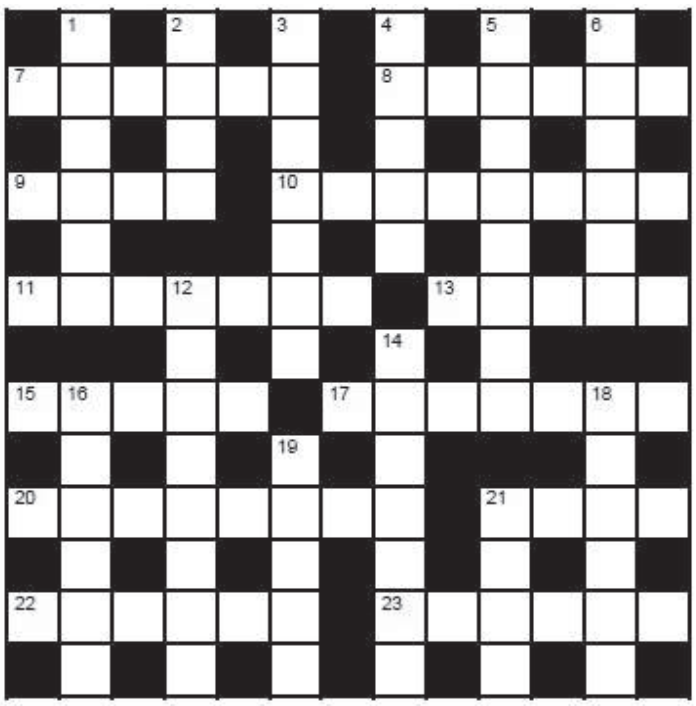

ACROSS

7. Empty talk that is intended to impress (3,3)
8. Against - especially in sporting or legal use (6)
9. Small restaurant serving snacks (4)
10. Economic region formed by EU countiries that have adopted the euro (8)
11. Child's word for sleep or farewell (3-4)
13. Flexible strap or belt used in the form of a loop to support or raise a hanging weight (5)
15. Large upper-storey bay with a window, supported by brackets or on corbels (5)
17. Forecast (7)
20. Discuss matters concerning one's work, especially at a social occasion (4,4)
21. Children's simple card game (4)
22. Degree of loudness (6)
23. Vitalty; vigour (6)

DOWN

1. Scientific study of plants (6)
2. Absence of difficulty or effort (4)
3. A refrigerated cabinet or room for preserving food at very low temperatures (7)
4. Turn away; prevent (5)
5. Having, or streaked with, grey hair (8)
6. Go to bed in the evening (4, 2)
12. Start suddenly, as of a war or fire e.g. (5, 3)
14. One of three children born in the same pregnancy (7)
16. Cause, explanation, or justification for an action or event (6)
18. Make or become different (6)
19. Head of a tribe or clan (5)
21. Small diving duck (4)

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Quadrilateral. 8. Uprising. 9. Vice. 10. Cover-up. 12. Ideal. 14. Stall. 16. Shapely. 19. Ecru. 20. New Delhi. 22. Father figures.

Down: 1. Bump. 2. Admire. 3. Bilious. 4. Cargo. 5. Fervid. 6. Catch-all. 11. Optician. 13. Showbiz. 15. Laughs. 17. Plexus. 18. Entry. 21. Heel.

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Young musical talent shines brightly at Battle of Bands finale

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The 7-12 age group winners Mythical Rhythm with the judges.

A PACKED audience at Edge Hill University's Rose Theatre were entertained by a host of talented young musicians at the second Sound Affects 'Battle of the Bands' event.

Solo acts, duos, and bands aged between seven and 17 competed in two age categories (7-12 and 13-17) for a top prize of a full day recording in Sound Affects professional recording studio in Ormskirk.

The contest was fought over two rounds, with the audience voting for two acts in each age category to go forward to the final, where they performed before a panel of four music industry judges.

In the final for the younger age category were five-piece band Mythical Rhythm from Burscough, Maghull and Ormskirk, pitted against nine-year-old soloist Amelia Kate from Skelmersdale.

Rosa Weiner, Event co-ordinator, Rosa Weiner said: "Mythical Rhythm first performed the Cranberries' classic *Zombie* to win over the audience vote and stepped it up with their own original song for the final battle.

"Meanwhile, solo singer Amelia went for Katy Perry's powerful *Roar* for her first song and pulled on the judges heartstrings for her second song, a rendition of Alexandra Burke's *Hallelujah*.

"Although both performances were outstanding, it was Mythical Rhythm who triumphed."

But although she missed out on first prize, Amelia won an award for Best Perfomance.

In the older age category finalists were Erin Leah, 14, from Ormskirk, and Painted Head, aged 14 to 16 and from Burscough and Parbold.

Rosa said: "Erin Leah went for Queen favourite *Somebody to Love* for her first choice and decided to showcase her pop star diva for second song, recent release *What About Us* by P!nk.

"Painted Head went for two original songs for both performances which went down well with the judges.

"Again, it was an exceptionally close call, but Painted Head took the top prize for the older age category."

Erin did not leave empty-handed though as she picked up Best Diva award.

Other awards on the night were: Best Rockstar - Tom Bartholomew. Star of the Show - Alex Carruthers. Best Stage Presence - Debaser. Best Cover Song - Mythical Rhtyhm. Best Original Song - Painted Head.

Also at the event, Sound Affects Studios raised £2,000 by auctioning off an Orange Bass and Roland keyboard to raise money for their new chosen charity The Children's Air Ambulance Service.

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Degree will be a 'must' for new police recruits

LANCASHIRE Constabulary has announced its move to the national Police Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF) for future recruitment of officers, alongside its partnership with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to deliver the training.

Pictured following the announcement are (from left) Dave Smith, Lancashire Constabulary PEQF co-ordinator; Ian Allison from UCLan; Rachel Cragg; Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw; Jon Martin, head of change, Lancashire Constabulary; Clive Tattum, UCLan; and Victor Robinson, head of people, Lancashire Constabulary.

The force will recruit its first cohort of officers to start training as apprentices on the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA) and the Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP) from this summer.

From 2020, national entry requirements will change and all new officers will need a degree-level qualification on entry or to achieve one through an apprenticeship route with the constabulary.

The change to entry criteria, the first in over a decade, has been implemented to further "formalise policing as a career and reflect and acknowledge the high level of service required from an officer in today's complex and challenging policing environment."

The three new national routes of entry to become a serving police officer are:

1. Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (PCDA). A three-year professional policing degree apprenticeship, providing an opportunity for successful applicants to achieve a degree in Professional Policing Practice with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) following appointment as a police officer.

2. Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP). A two-year academic professional policing diploma, providing the opportunity for successful applicants with any degree (except in Professional Policing) to achieve a diploma in Professional Policing Practice with UCLan following appointment as a police officers.

3. Pre-Join Degree Route. For candidates who hold a degree in Professional Policing. From 2019 a number of Higher Education Institutions (including UCLan) are offering degrees in Professional Policing. After being awarded the degree any graduate could apply to join Lancashire Constabulary as an officer and be trained in operational duties.

Funding for the PCDA and DHEP routes is provided but any students undertaking the Pre-Join Degree would fund it themselves.

Chief Constable, Andy Rhodes said: "We are pleased to announce our partnership with the UCLan to deliver our PCDA and DHEP programmes. These are challenging times for policing and the new process acknowledges the ever-increasing complexities in crime today."

Rachel Cragg, Pro Vice-Chancellor (academic development) at the University of Central Lancashire, added: "We are proud to be partnering with Lancashire Constabulary to deliver degree apprenticeships as part of the Police Education Qualifications Framework (PEQF). We look forward to welcoming learners who are seeking a policing career in Lancashire."

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Work has started on new slip roads at Junction1 of the M58.

M58 improvement scheme underway

WORK has started on a multi-million pound M58 improvement scheme.

The project involves the construction of the 'missing' slip roads at Junction 1 of the busy motorway, providing a northbound off-slip and a southbound on-slip.

As well as improving journey times between, it is hoped the scheme will reduce traffic on the A59 and some residential roads and facilitate potential future development in the area.

Sefton Council received an offer of funding from the Liverpool City Region Local Growth Fund for £5.5m toward the scheme in 2016 which was formally approved a year later.

John Sisk and Sons were appointed to complete the design and construction of the scheme with Atkins Ltd as their design partner.

Works began last month with the construction of the site compound and an access track for nearby Guest Farm.

Once this is completed, work will start on the section of Giddygate Lane parallel to the motorway and the project will then focus on the earthworks associated with the slip roads.

Sisk managing director for UK Civils, Paul Brown, said: "We are committed to delivering this project to a high standard and on time, and will be working with the local communities and stakeholders to ensure we leave a positive legacy."

If the scheme goes to programme, then the new slip roads should be open and operational by spring 2020.

Bruce Parker, North West head of planning and development at Highways England, said: "The M58 provides a vital motorway link from Merseyside to connect businesses, families and friends across the north of England and beyond.

"We're pleased that work has now started on the new slip roads at Junction 1, which will help to improve the flow of traffic and provide quicker and more reliable journeys for drivers."

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Youngsters invited to take up summer reading challenge

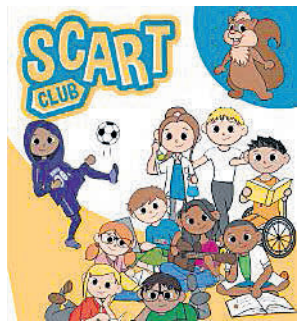
YOUNGSTERS in West Lancashire are being encouraged to keep reading and learning over the summer by signing up to the SCART Club.

Organised by Lancashire County Council the club (SCART stands for Science, Culture, Active, Reading and Technology) is aimed at youngsters aged five to 12 and is free to take part in.

Launching on Saturday, June 29 and running until Saturday, September 28, it aims to keep children reading throughout the summer holidays.

To join in children just need to visit a library and complete two tasks from each of the five SCART themes. One task for every theme is reading a book of their choice.

On joining the SCART Club children will receive a task booklet. Stickers are collected for each task that is completed. When all five themes are completed a prize will be received.



County Councillor Peter Buckley, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "Encouraging reading is a very important part of the initiative, but the tasks are varied. It is also an effective way to boost children's literacy, which not only helps with their education but also improves their life chances in the future. Importantly, the children love it because it is fun.

Those taking part in the SCART Club can make use of one free family entry to a Lancashire museum.

Meanwhile young people aged 12 to 24 also have the opportunity to volunteer as a 'Reading Hack' at their local library, as part of the Lancashire Reading Journey. This role is to support children on the journey, and help with organising and running events. To volunteer, visit bit.ly/readhack

For more information about the SCART Club, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/reading-journey.aspx, visit your local library or telephone 0300 123 6703.

Finley is Miss Liverpool City Region

TWENTY-year-old Finley Unsworth from Aughton has been crowned Miss Liverpool City Region.

Organisers say the contest, which is part of Miss England and Miss World competitions, is about more than just turning up in a swimsuit and looking pretty.

Contestants were asked to raise funds and awareness for charity Beauty with a Purpose, which participates in humanitarian projects across the world; compete in an evening wear round; take part in a creative ECO fashion round; and support their fellow contestants.

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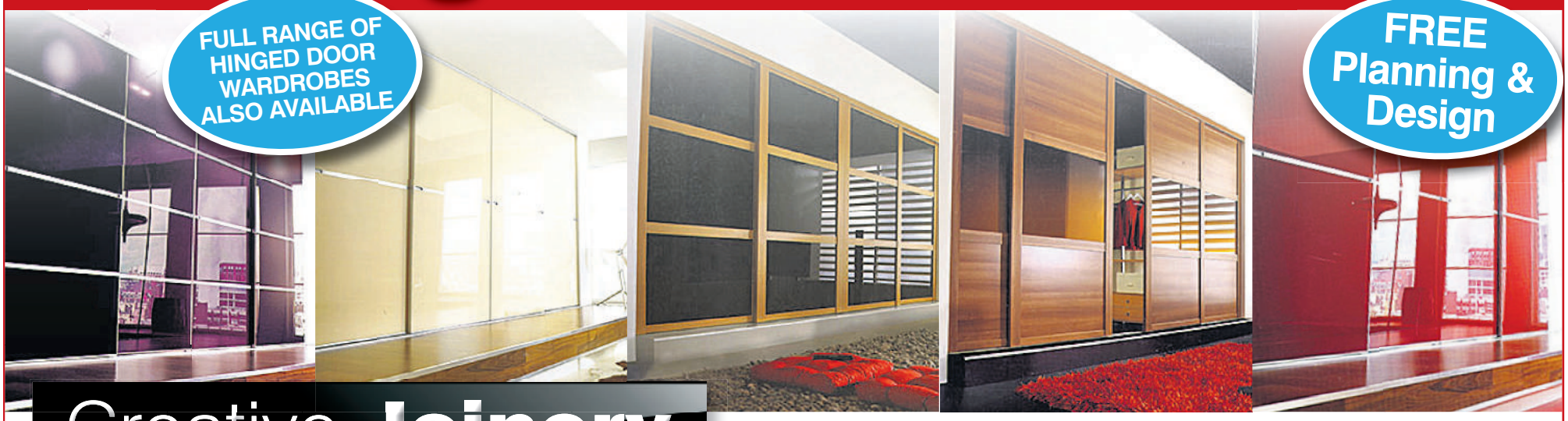

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Breathe Easy Group learn about benefits of new support service

PETRA McCauley from the British Lung Foundation (BLF) was guest speaker at the latest meeting of the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group.

The meeting started with a half-hour sing-song, led by the Power of Music group. This activity is proving popular with the members and is strongly recommended for improving lung conditions and lifting the spirits.

Petra then spoke about the foundation's new initiative, Active Steps, a free service providing support for more than 12 months to help someone become and stay active, funded by Sport England and the National Lottery.

Pat Ireland from West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy group said: "Being active has lots of benefits for people living with lung conditions or a long-term condition, such as type 2 diabetes and arthritis.

"Most people with a lung condition do far less activity compared to the general population. People's activity levels decline after they're diagnosed with lung disease, and they continue to fall. However, individual support can overcome them and Active Steps is a one-to-one service to support any inactive people with a lung condition to become and stay active over 12 months.

"It includes regular calls to discuss how you can become more active and how BLF can help you together; an information pack including an activity diary, so you can track your activities and your progress; regular newsletters with useful tips and inspirational stories of other people with lung conditions who have benefited from being active; information about ways to become active in your local area, and access to other members of our helpline team to support your wider needs, such as access to financial benefits. Altogether an excellent and attractive package."

Petra McCauley addressing the West Lancashire and Southport Breathe Easy Group.

BLF offers this service to anybody with a lung condition who would like support to become more active. People who have been diagnosed with a lung condition and are not currently active enough can refer themselves directly to the service. The Active Steps team will give them a call to explain the service in more detail and check that it's appropriate for them.

You can sign up online at activesteps@blf.org.uk or call BLF helpline on 03000 030 555 to speak to the Active Steps team.

Please note that the support offered is not intended to replace advice from a GP, consultant, nurse or other health care professional.

West Lancs and Southport Breathe Easy Group welcome speakers on a variety of subjects and new members and guests are welcome together with any relative, carer or friend. The group meet on the third Monday of every month between 11am and 12.30pm at the Guide HQ, Green Lane, Ormskirk, next to Ormskirk Rugby Club. Ample free parking is available nearby. For further information, contact Trish on 07528702203.

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Health commissioners invite public to have a say on proposed changes to clinical policies

Report by **Henry James**

NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has announced seven clinical policies which are now available for patient and public engagement and feedback as part of a region-wide review.

In partnership with the other seven CCGs in Lancashire and South Cumbria, it has been agreed that there is a need to review clinical policies in order to ensure a consistent and fair approach; update current policies in accordance with National Guidelines and best clinical practice and to make sure limited resources are being used to maximum effect.

The seven policies are those for the following:

- The surgical treatment of Carpel Tunnel Syndrome.
- Tonsillectomy/Adeno-Tonsillectomy.
- The surgical release of Trigger Finger.
- Management of Otitis Media with Effusion (OME) using grommets (the treatment of glue ear in children).
- Breast reduction surgery - separated from the existing cosmetics policy.
- The surgical management of Gynaecomastia (enlarged male breasts) – separated from the existing cosmetics policy.
- Removal of Benign Skin Lesions - separated from the existing cosmetics policy.

Residents of West Lancashire are invited to read this new and revised policy and provide feedback and comments by completing the relevant survey. This can all be accessed by visiting the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria website: bit.ly/WLCCGpolicy

Note that comments should be submitted by Monday, July 1.

A spokesperson for NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The CCG is responsible for commissioning a wide range of clinical services, including GP services, hospital services, community, mental health and learning disability services, for and on behalf of, the local population of which we serve.

Important

"We need to ensure this is done in an open, fair and transparent manner but in so doing we must consider the limited resources we have.

"A key role for the CCG is to develop clinical policies that help us make decisions about the use of those limited resources.

"The policies that we are currently consulting on may have an impact on many of our residents, it is therefore vitally important that our population have their say on what we are proposing."

Council probe into dog breeder cruelty claims

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Pets rescue centre staff tell of 'underweight' dogs left with 'horrific infected skin', 'horrible ear infections' and 'tacked open' eyes

WEST Lancashire Borough Council are investigating whether a shar pei breeder, who was slammed by an animal rescue charity for the 'absolutely shocking state' of her dogs, has moved to Ormskirk and started selling dogs again.

Wonky Pets Rescue Centre staff claim the breeder, Sarah Neil, who was then living in Southport, took 15 shar peis to their sanctuary in Birmingham, but all were suffering a variety of conditions including one dog with a missing eye, and others with various skin conditions or underweight.

The centre shared a post on social media with photographs of some of the animals, including one male shar pei which had to be put to sleep, who had renal failure.

On the Pedigree Database website, Neil had been trading under the breeder name 'Yuanpei' and her addresses were previously listed as Manchester Road and Windsor Road, both in Southport.

Now, a new listing has appeared on the Our Dogs website's Breeder Directory, listing Sarah Neil/Yuanpei's address as Ormskirk.

The same Champion reader is believed to have flagged up concerns to West Lancs Borough Council, Sefton Council and the RSPCA.

A spokesperson for West Lancashire Borough Council said: "This operation is not licensed by West Lancashire Borough Council. Officers will therefore investigate this matter and will take appropriate action if there is evidence of any unlicensed activities and/or animal welfare concerns."

A spokesman for Sefton Council said: "After being contacted, our Licensing Team checked a Southport address but found this lady no longer lives there. If this lady is continuing to breed/sell dogs she will need a licence from the local authority.

This dog, known as Ivan, had to be put to sleep.

"We take the welfare of all animals very seriously and will investigate any complaint and take any appropriate action. To report any animal welfare concerns please call Consumer Direct on 03454 040506."

Staff at Wonky Pets Rescue Centre described Neil as 'one of the most prolific shar pei breeders in the UK' and revealed that the charity's vet bill to treat six of the dogs she took to them totalled £3,500, whilst the rest of the dogs also needed neutering, vaccinating and most needed micro-chipping.

They said: "Many people have been coming forward with information and concerns about their own dogs and experiences with this breeder, Yuanpei Shar Peis. We rescue a lot of pets but this is beyond anything we have ever come across.

"After being alerted to dogs being sold on free-ads for as little as £50 we were then contacted by the breeder and asked to take the dogs that were left, most of them in an absolutely shocking state!

"We also know that she has already sold some others on and given a number of dogs and two litters of puppies to a relation to sell. Many of the dogs dropped off with us had horrific infected skin, were underweight and had horrible ear infections, but the most shocking of all were their eyes. Some even had their eyes 'tacked open' which we don't believe were done by a vet.

"Anyone involved with shar pei and who is aware of the Yuanpei affix will have heard of Ivan, the top blue stud dog that she so proudly boasted had fathered so many litters. According to the Kennel Club register, 74 litters have been sired by Ivan- and that's just the ones she bothered registering - and with a stud fee of £1,000 a time we will leave you to do the maths.

"That's on top of the sale of the hundreds and hundreds of puppies that have been churned out like a conveyor belt over the years. Poor Ivan who made her so much money had to be put to sleep after going into acute renal failure."

On the Pedigree Database Sarah Neil is described as a Kennel Cub Affiliate and a member of the Kennel Club Dog Owners Group. But a spokesperson for the Kennel Club said: "She is definitely not a Kennel Club Assured Breeder. The Kennel Club Dog Owners Group is not a legitimate group or scheme run or owned by the Kennel Club."

The Champion has tried to contact Sarah Neil but without success.

An RSPCA spokesperson said: "We would always urge anyone with information about allegations like these to call our 24-hour cruelty line on 0300 1234 999."

Rufford Arms Hotel on market for £1.2m

A WEST Lancs hotel has been put up for sale with an asking priced of more than £1million.

The three-star Rufford Arms Hotel, situated on the outskirts of the village in Liverpool Road, boasts 15 bedrooms, an adjoining 100 seat restaurant, Alexander's Brasserie, and three bedroom private accommodation on the first floor.

London-based estate agents Christies & Co are handling the sale with an asking price of £1.2m.

The hotel's current owner, Susan Lockwood, who is retiring after 27 years of operating the business, says: "I have thoroughly enjoyed running the Rufford Arms but the time has come to find a new owner for this wonderful hotel, so that I can enjoy my retirement."

Alistair Greenhalgh, director at Christie & Co, said: "The business currently benefits from diversified revenue streams as Alexander's Brasserie is open to non-residents and thus attracts custom from local diners in addition to hotel guests.

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Society busy rehearsing for its summer concert

FOLLOWING a very successful production of HMS Pinafore and Trial by Jury at the Little Theatre, Southport, Crosby Gilbert and Sullivan Society is busy rehearsing its summer concert.

This will be a full concert version of Iolanthe, to be performed this Saturday, (June 22) at 7.30pm at St. Faith's Church, Crosby.

Gilbert and Sullivan aficionados will be familiar with the story of Iolanthe, the fairy banished from the fairy kingdom because she married a mortal.

Iolanthe is one of the most popular of Gilbert and Sullivan operas, well-known for its "delightful" music, in particular the famous Peers' chorus.

Tickets are available from Margaret on 07870319686.

Hear Proms favourites at society's next concert

THE orchestra and choir of the Ormskirk Music Society present their summer concert on Saturday, June 29 at St. John's Church, Burscough.

The programme will include the traditional Last Night of the Proms favourites: Henry Wood's Fantasia on British Sea Songs, Hubert Parry's Jerusalem, Edward Elgar's audience-rousing Pomp and Circumstance March no 1, and of course Thomas Arne's Rule Britannia.

Opening with the cheerily upbeat Farnham Festival Overture, the programme will go on to explore some of the music inspired by the English Folk tradition.

Holst's Songs of the West was the composer's first work drawn from this tradition, and though he never collected folk songs himself, Holst was very familiar with them through his friendship with Ralph Vaughan Williams.

A Somerset Rhapsody, which the orchestra will also perform, is the companion piece to Songs of the West, though it ultimately became the better known of the two.

No prom concert would be complete without some rousing sea songs from the choir, and in this instance the music is supplied by war composer and former director of music with the RAF, George Dyson, who wrote the Four Songs for Sailors in 1948. These pieces are great fun to perform and a joy to hear.

The concert is not to be an all-English affair, however. As a summer concert, the aim is also to usher in some sunshine and what better way to do that than with the sizzling and exotic Spanish Dance from Manuel de Falla's La Vida Breve.

The Mexican composer Manuel Ponce will also provide some heat in the form of his Concierto del Sur, originally written for the great virtuoso guitarist, Andrés Segovia, and performed by young classical guitarist, Jerome Ness, making a return appearance with the orchestra, before he begins his studies at the Royal College of Music in September.

This concert is an event not to be missed by anyone who enjoys inspiring, uplifting music and wants to get in the mood for the summer season.

Tickets are available in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/ormskirk-music-society or from Catherine Ness (01695 556548) or on the door priced at £10, £5 for under 18/student. For more information, visit ormskirkmusicsociety.org.uk or follow on facebook.com/OrmskirkMusicSociety.

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Scarecrows popping up all around village

Dusty Bin scarecrow

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Entry forms can be bought on the day from the stall in the middle of the village, at The Saracens Head, or at The Village Bakery.

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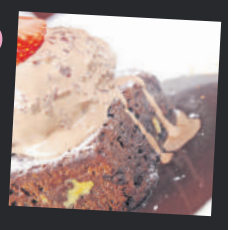

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TRAVIS ROBERT JAMES

Kathleen and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for love, kindness, support and sympathy during the loss of the much-loved Husband, Dad and Grandad. Many thanks for the generous donations to St. Johns Parish Church Burscough and we are indebted to all those who attended the service also a special thank you to Revd Elliot Ireton and Revd Canon David Banbury for the uplifting service and their continued support. Finally thanks to Sally and all at MLS Funeral Directors for their care and the dignified, professional arrangements.

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MIDDLEHURST STEPHEN

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for your attendance at the service, kind messages of sympathy, cards, floral tributes and donations received for The British Heart Foundation in memory of Stephen. Special thanks to Rev. Peter Thorn for his kind ministrations and to Skelmersdale Funeral Service for their dignified funeral arrangements

WOOSEY RICHARD (DICK)

Edith Elizabeth and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, cards and generous donations to the Southport Offshore Rescue Trust (S.O.R.T). Sincere thanks to Reverend Martin Abrams for a lovely service. Special thanks to Carl and Helen at Howard's Funeral Directors for their professional, compassionate and dignified funeral arrangements.

WAINWRIGHT ALAN

Maureen, Martin, Mark and Family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent sad loss. Also thanks to Father Daley for the Funeral Service and the donations to The Monday Club for the disabled. Thanks also to April Hunter and the team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their care and guidance given at this difficult time. Lastly thanks to I.C.U and C.C.U UNITS at Southport Hospital for everything they did for Alan and the family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

DAVIES ALEXANDER STEVEN (ALEX)

Bev, Adam and Leon would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many messages of condolence, donations for The British Heart Foundation, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, and Crohn's & Colitis UK, cards and support received during their recent sad loss of their beautiful boy, Alex. Special thanks to Sandra Howles for her very touching Funeral Service, and to Lisa Hunter & all at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for their kindness and support.

WEBSTER RONALD

Christina and Family would like to express their sincere thanks to all family, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations to Southport A & E department during the recent sad loss of RON. Special thanks to all the staff at Southport A & E for their kindness and consideration shown to the Webster family on the sad day. Grateful thanks to Rev. Peter Thorne, Country Florist, Flexipress, Melanie and all the staff at Hardman Funeral Directors for the care and support we received during this sad time.

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IN MEMORIAM

MUNRO SARAH (SAL)

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19th June 2007

Your ever loving husband Tony, children Gerard, John, Diane & Matt, and grandchildren Grace, Caleb & Ethan.

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HEAPS NORA ELAINE

31st May 2018

One year has passed, since you left us with precious memories.
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Love from Stuart, David, Dawn, Holly, Janet & Family, Michael, Sarah, Luke, Charlie and all friends.

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xxx

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DEATHS

CROFT BRIAN

9th June 2019
Peacefully in hospital
aged 84 years
of Aughton

The dearly loved Husband of Shirley and loving Dad of Andrew and Jane. "He was a good man, Husband and Dad". Requiem Mass at St Anne's RC Church, Ormskirk, today, Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 11:00am followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel:01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

McCORMICK ANTHONY (TONY)

25th May 2019
Aged 78 years

Died suddenly. Loving Husband of Jacqueline who will miss him every day. Tony was a loved Brother and Uncle. He was a treasured friend. Tony will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 28th June at 12:40pm. Donations are being collected in lieu of flowers for Man City Charities Team. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

NOONAN FRANCIS JOSEPH

12th May 2019
aged 81 years

Dear Dad to Carl and Christine, dear Grandad to Gary, Colin, Joanne, Cindy, Katie and Thomas. Funeral Service was held at St. Helens Crematorium on Wednesday 5th June. Enquiries to Devonport Funeral Services Tel:01695 731199

ROBERTS (ALAN GWYN) "AL"

10th June 2019, Peacefully in Hospital Aged 60 Years and he is dearly loved and missed by all his family and friends.

A Celebration of Al's life is to be held at Thornton Crematorium on Friday 21st June 2019 at 2:40pm. Family flowers only please, Donations if desired in memory of Al will be gratefully received for The RSPCA. For all enquiries, please contact Graham J Clegg Funeral Service, 7 Dover Road, Maghull, L31 5JB 0151 520 3330

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DEATHS

BRADBURY EDITH

7th June 2019

Aged 89 years

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BUNN THOMAS PATRICK (TOMMY)

13th June 2019
Peacefully, aged 96 years

Reunited with his much-loved Wife Eileen. Tommy will be greatly missed by all his family and his many friends. Requiem Mass at St Robert Bellarmine Church, Bootle on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 10.45am followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the Royal British Legion c/o H.Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 9244805.

CROPPER THOMAS (TOM)

17th June 2019
aged 97 years

Devoted Husband of Joyce. Much loved by all his Nephews, Nieces and many friends. The funeral and interment to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe at 11.30am on Tuesday 2nd July 2019.

Family flowers only please, all enquiries to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

BENNETT SYLVIA

7th June 2019
Peacefully at home with her family
aged 83 years

Much loved Wife of Howard, Mum of Antony, Mother-in-law of Sue, Nan of Scott. Loving Sister of Betty and Sister-in-law of Ralph, Auntie of Ralph and Reg. Sylvia will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral service and committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 21st June 2019 at 1.00pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

Further enquiries please to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

GLOVER THOMAS ROBERT (TOM)

OBE

Passed away peacefully on
9th June 2019
aged 87 years

Former Southport councillor for 50 years Dearly loved Husband for 61 years of Jackie, loving Dad of Bryce and Heather, dear Father-in-Law of Susie and Jeremy, much loved Grandad of Craig, Christopher and Miela, and Great Grandad of Eva and Grace.

'Tom will be deeply missed by all his family and friends'. Funeral service and interment will take place at St. Cuthbert's Church Southport on Friday 28th June at 11:00am. Family flowers only please by request, but if so desired any donations gratefully received for NSPCC and Hesketh Park Heritage Group. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel:01704 214118.

DUNKERLEY ERIC DAWSON

13th June 2019

Aged 90 years

Peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Beloved friend of Vincent. Eric will be much missed by all his many friends. Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 25th June at 12.00pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to British Red Cross. Further enquiries and donations to H. Johnson & Sons, 147 Roe Lane, Southport. PR9 7PW. Tel. 01704 227067.

ANDERTON PATRICIA ANNE

(nee Manwaring)

14th June 2019
Died peacefully after a short illness surrounded by her loving family at Springfield Court Nursing Home
aged 78 years

Beloved Wife of Derek. Dearly loved Mum of Janet, Lee, and Barry. Much loved Mother in law of Pam and Lisa. Devoted Nan of Tasmin, Thomas, and Isobel. Dear Sister to Bernard, Kathleen, George, and Jim. She will be missed by all her family and friends. Requiem Mass and funeral will take place at St Johns R.C Church, Burscough, on Monday 24th June 2019 at 10:45am followed by a committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only with donations being gratefully received for Cancer Research.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire. Tel: 01695 424888

TAYLOR JOAN

15th June 2019

After a short illness, peacefully in hospital, surrounded by her family, aged 80 years. Dearly beloved Wife of the late Bob. Much loved Mum of Mel and Andy. Dear Mother-in-law of Ian and Graham. Loving Nana of Bobbie, Chloe and Lewis. Joan will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 2pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for the British Heart Foundation. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 25a Sefton Street, Southport PR8 6SG Tel: 01704 501501.

PRICE JOHN ANTHONY

14th June 2019
Died peacefully at home in Scarisbrick
aged 85 years

Much appreciated Husband of Erika, Father to Christa and Detlev, Father in law to Graham and Grandad to Emily and Hannah. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 21st June 2019 at 10.00 am. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for The World Owl Trust and The Conservation Volunteers.

Donations and further enquires please to Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888.

SNAPE MARTYN ALAN

Passed away 8th June 2019

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Martyn Alan Snape, Aged 50, who passed away peacefully at home. His smile will be forever in our hearts.

Much loved Son of Emily and the late Alan Snape, dear Brother to Karen, Brother-in-Law to Stephen and loving Uncle to Ross and Callum. Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough on Tuesday 25th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only with donations gratefully received for MENCAP.

SKINNER DAVID

Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital on 11th June 2019
aged 74 years

Devoted Husband to Sandra. Beloved Dad to Sue and Treasured Gag to Sophie. Much Loved Uncle to Paul, Uncle in law to Cassie and Great Uncle to James and Alex. Loved and missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St. Michaels Church, Aughton on Friday 28th June 2019 at 12 noon followed by committal at West Lancs Crematorium. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

Donations and further enquiries please to Anabel Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire. Tel: 01695 424888.

GRAHAM NORMAN

Passed away peacefully 13th June 2019 aged 87 years of Aughton

Beloved Husband of Hilary. Loving Father of Ian and Paul. Greatly loved Grandfather to Emilia and Oliver, Alistair and Hugh. Funeral Service at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please by request but donations if so desired for The British Heart Foundation. Bright clothes to be worn please.

Donations and further enquires please to April Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

LEE IRENE

(nee Ashcroft)

14th June 2019
Age 91 years
Sadly passed away peacefully in hospital

Devoted wife of the late Harold Spibey Lee. A very special and caring Auntie to all of her Nieces and Nephews. Irene was born and bred in Ormskirk and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Funeral service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium on Monday 24th June at 1pm. Donations to Arthritis Research UK if desired. Enquiries to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire Tel: 01695 424888

CHUBBS ANTONY MARK

On 29th May 2019

Tragically aged 44 years

Dearly loved Son of Sheila, dear Brother of Joanne, Karl and the late Gavin.

'Antony will be sadly missed by all his family and friends'.

Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 25th June at 12:40pm. Flowers or donations if so desired for MIND. Further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

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DEATHS

HOYER
MARIE
Nee Ashton

On 8th June 2019

Peacefully at Home

Aged 87 years

R.I.P.

Beloved Wife of the late Norman James, much loved Mum, Nana and Great Nana, and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Mass will take place at St. Maries Church on Thursday 27th June at 12 noon, followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for British Heart Foundation or CAFOD. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

MEATH
PAUL

On 7th June 2019

Suddenly in Hospital

Aged 76 years

R.I.P.

Beloved Husband of Mag, loving Father of Paul, Darren and Tracy, much loved Grandad of Marc, Lois, Jake and Milly, and Great Grandad of all his Great Grandchildren. Funeral Mass will take place at St. Maries Church on Friday 21st June at 12 noon followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request donations if so desired for Cancer Research UK. Donations and further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

ABRAM
ROBERT
JAMES
GARSIDE

10th June 2019

Aged 79 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Angela, Father of Susan and Simon and Grandfather of Hollie and Jake. Funeral service to be held at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Tarleton on Thursday 27th June at 2pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Queenscourt Hospice c/o the funeral director. Enquiries to Neal Buckley, Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, PR4 6UQ. Tel: 01772 301700

CONLIN
AUDREY
EMMA

10th June 2019

Peacefully in hospital, Aged 93 years.

Dearly beloved Wife of the late Jim. Loving Mum of Jim, Barry and Sandra. Much loved Nan of Simon, Lewis, Lyndsey, Laura, Joanna and Kim and Great Grandmother to Olivia. Audrey will be sadly missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service will take place at St John Stone RC Church on Friday 21st June 2019 at 2.30pm, followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium at 3.20pm. Family flowers only by request please, but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Arthritis Research UK and Arthritis Care. Goodnight, God Bless, Sweet Dreams and Happy Landings. Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale PR8 3HS. Tel 01704 575 282.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U498 OLD LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U498 Old Lane, Downholland from 21m South East of the junction U498 Old Lane, Downholland and U967 New Lane, Downholland to 67m South East of the junction of U498 Old Lane, Downholland and U967 New Lane, Downholland.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Friday 5th July 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 19th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U498 Old Lane, Downholland – C103 Riding Lane, Downholland – C105 School Lane, Downholland – U498 Old Lane, Downholland and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow for the installation of a new 160 OD rising main to be carried out by JN Bentley Ltd.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/18307/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(OWEN'S LANE, DOWNHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Owen's Lane, Downholland from Pye Hill Cottage, Owen's Lane to Poplar Farm, Owen's Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Friday 5th July 2019 until 1800 hours on Friday 19th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Back Lane – New Lane – Old Lane – Black-A-Moor Lane

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow installation of new water main works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17350/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(C165 THE COMMON, PARBOLD AND C165 STATION ROAD, PARBOLD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

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2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 2359 hours on Saturday 6th July 2019 until 0800 hours on Sunday 7th July 2019 or until completion of the works within this period. This is an overnight closure. Access will be maintained for pedestrians only.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C165 The Common, Parbold – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – C165 Mill Lane, Parbold – C165 Station Road, Parbold

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the lifting of the level crossing to enable a technical inspection of the rails beneath the crossing surface to be carried out by Network Rail with traffic management being provided by Centurion Site Services.

Authority given for this Order to be made: [Ref: HRiT/18054/EW]

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

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2019/0541/FUL Agricultural building measuring 1389.888 sqm at Poplars, Gorse Lane, Tarleton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

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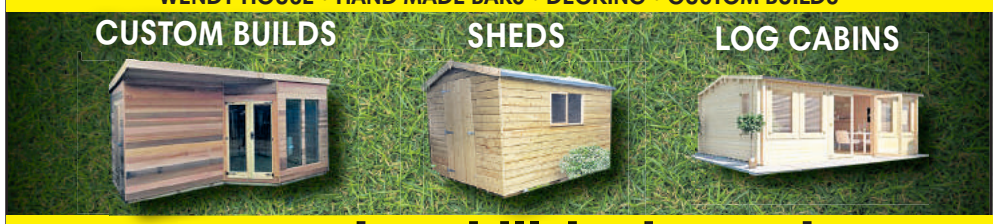

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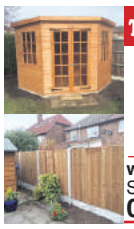

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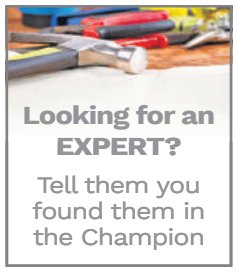

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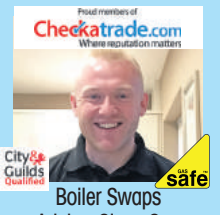

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RENAULT'S all-electric Zoe is now capable of travelling 242 miles on a single charge – nearly a third further than the outgoing version can manage.

The five-door supermini is now being offered with a 52kWh battery rather than a 40kWh one, which is quicker to charge, offers more straight-line performance and takes up no additional interior space.

Renault's also tweaked the car's styling and redesigned its dashboard.

There's no word on prices yet, but expect it to be here by the end of the year. Prices are expected to be similar to the £21,220 being asked for the outgoing model.

Renault has given the Zoe supermini a longer range as well as refreshed styling

The 3-Series encompasses everything

BMW has yet to confirm UK prices for their new vehicle

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THE MOST surprising car I've driven in the past year has just pulled another hankerchief out of its sleeve. The London black cab is now available – *as a van*.

It just doesn't sound right somehow, does it?

The Friday night ride home of choice across much of the capital – and an increasingly familiar sight in this part of the world too, particularly in Liverpool and Manchester – has been transformed from the B-pillars backwards into something that resembles a bloated Volkswagen Caddy, but beneath the skin shares the same combination of electric motors (and some internal combustion back-up, in the form of a 1.5-litre petrol engine as a range extender) as its more familiar, fare-fetching cousin.

While the London Electric Vehicle Company claims it can travel 377 miles in one hit – meaning that should *The Champion* ever launch an Inverness edition it'll be able to deliver a freshly-printed batch without having to stop to charge up – it's actually pitched as a response to what it calls "the Amazon-isation of retail".

In other words, all those short trips from parcel depots to your door because every other person on your street orders their stuff online. That's a lot of short hops for blokes in vans – and a lot of air pollution if it isn't kept in check.

LEVC is hoping its taxi-based van will appeal to eco-friendly businesses

But I reckon the van has the potential to be a hit for much the same reason the black cab is – it's really, *really* good at what it does.

When I drove the TX taxi last year I reckoned its ability to take contactless payment and provide drunken passengers with an in-built WiFi zone for their Instagram selfies was smart stuff – but not half as clever as the way it drove.

A seven-seater that's roughly the same size as a Land Rover Discovery Sport had the sort of turning circle you'd expect from a Smart, was a doddle to drive and had all of its electronic trickery harnessed by a Tesla-esque touchscreen that dominated the dashboard and was intuitively easy to use.

If LECV can give a van – even one that does look a bit like a drunken Austin A35 from the front – the same sort of qualities in something than can carry two Euro pallets, then I reckon it'll quickly build up a healthy queue of fans.

In fact, the biggest battle will be the one thing LEVC hasn't announced yet – the price. All that's been confirmed is that it'll be less than the £55k its taxi cousin currently costs, but bear in mind Nissan's all-electric NV200, with a 174-mile range, costs £19,116 before VAT.

You might not be able to get to Inverness in it, but that's a 35-grand saving.

The black cab makers might have to pull off some more magic to square that difference…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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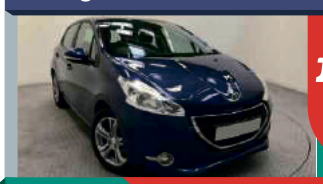

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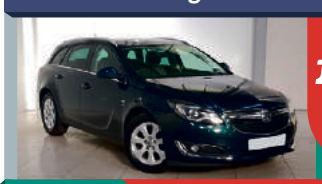

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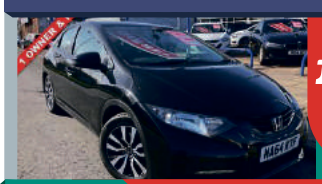

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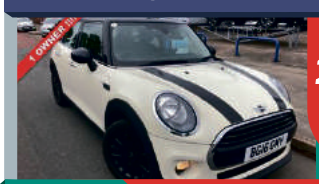

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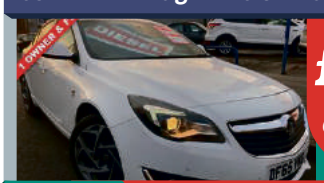

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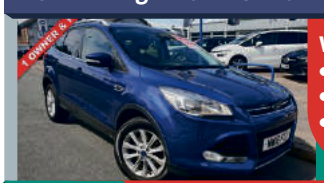

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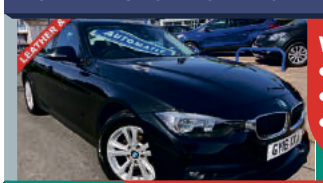

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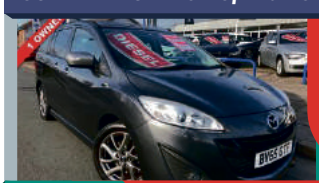

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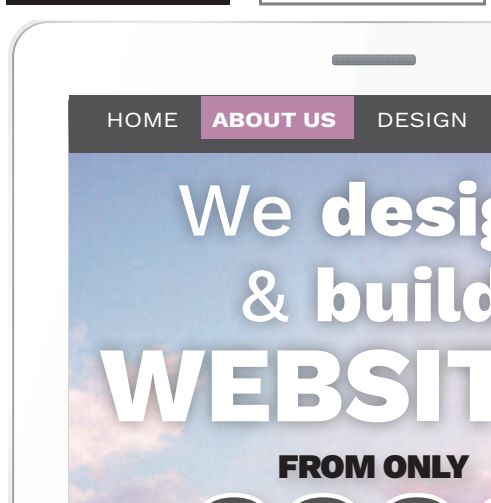

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Fine all-round effort from Hughes sees Burscough win to go third in the table

IN the Second Division, Burscough continued their recent good run with a six wicket home win over Norley Hall.

Burscough asked the visitors to bat first and they bowled them out cheaply for just 89, with Ryan Hughes taking 4-37

Hughes then carried his bat in Burscough's with an unbeaten 57* to guide the hosts to victory on 91-4 and move his team up to third place in the table.

Hightown St Mary's recorded a seven wicket home win over Maghull.

The visitors chose to bat and thanks to runs from Joe Medew-Ewen 36 plus 31 each from Cam Lawrenson and Greg Gillespie managed to put 154 up on the board.

Jim Kelly 5-58 and Matt Laybourne 4-61 taking the bulk of the wickets to fall.

In reply, opener Jayden Schadendorf carried his bat and top scored with an unbeaten 81* whilst Laybourne capped off a fine display with an undefeated 28* which helped the hosts to victory on 156-3.

Southport Trinity suffered a five wicket defeat at runaway leaders Liverpool.

Trinity were put in to bat and dismissed inside 35 overs for just 74 with only Wim Van Der Walt 14 and Mark Prince 13 reaching double figures against an unchanged bowling attack led by Daniel Kelly 6-21 and Daniel Clubbe 4-48.

In reply, 24 from skipper Henry Charlton and an unbeaten 23* from Chris Tonge were pivotal in the hosts chase as clinched victory in the 27th over on 78-5, with skipper Craig Prince taking 3-35.

Lavelle in form with bat again as Ormskirk hammer Colwyn Bay

GEORGE Lavelle was again in form with the bat for Ormskirk on Saturday as his team recorded a 126 run win at Colwyn Bay.

After being put in to bat Ormskirk declared their innings on 220-7 with George Lavelle following up his century last Sunday with a score of 78.

He was helped by Gary Knight 34, Tom Hartley 33* and Ryan Maddock 30 as Ormkirk set a formidable total.

In their reply, Colwyn Bay were quickly reduced to 42-5 before being dismissed for 94, with Tom Hartley topping the bowling honours with 3-28, while skipper Nick Caunce, Scott Lees and Maddock took wickets apiece.

Leaders Bootle recorded a four wicket home win over Southport & Birkdale in a low scoring match at Wadham Road.

The win puts them 21 points clear at the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division table.

S&B elected to bat first and were duly dismissed for just 64 in the 34th over, thanks in the main to Will Purser who took 4-27 and Jhangir Liaqat who claimed 3-4.

George Lavelle.

The hosts also struggled with the bat as S&B made them fight for each run, but the hosts eventually reached 67-6 to clinch victory with Danny Davies top scoring with 17, whilst Angus Gailey took 3-17 with the ball.

Formby who started the day joint top had a frustrating weather affected afternoon at Orrell Red Triangle where they eventually lost by 20 runs.

The hosts were asked to bat first and thanks to runs from skipper Andrew Mottram 62*, Ian Lyon 41 and Chris Riley 29 declared their innings on 173-4, with Sam Oldham taking 3-46. The start of the visitors reply was hampered by the rain and despite the best efforts of James Seward 37, Oldham 36 and Ollie Sutton 25 they were dismissed in the 29th over for 153, with Afaq Sartaj the chief destroyer with the ball with 6-56.

Northern made light work of a seven wicket win at Lytham, where the hosts elected to bat and were quickly diminished for just 52 thanks to a five wicket haul from Tom Sephton who claimed 5-21 and Liam Grey who took 4-18, with Lancashire's Steven Croft top scoring with 23.

In reply, the loss of three early wickets didn't really matter as unbeaten knocks from Chris Laker 24* and skipper James Cole 23* led the visitors to victory on 56-3.

Skelmersdale hold their nerve in thrilling win

SKELMERSDALE hosted Birkenhead St Mary's on Saturday in a thrilling match that went down to the wire.

Captain Joe Till and Mike Houghton opened the batting with a mindset of hitting the accelerator until Till was bowled for 13.

The quick wickets of Matthew Wright and Chris Tromp derailed the good start but Houghton continued at the other end and was reinforced by Harry Marston

The pair stretched the field with excellent running and capitalised on loose bowling.

They breezed to their 50 partnership before Houghton was caught on 40 as he miscued a shot to mid-on.

The next ball, Marston was caught at mid-wicket for 30 and Skem knew the importance of maintaining their momentum.

Thankfully Jonas Smith and Ian Girvin did just that as they found the boundary at regular intervals and soon reached their 50 partnership.

Smith was caught for an enterprising 43 as Ian Girvin finished on 23 not out, well supported by Barry Leadbetter and Mikey Moss. Skem finished on a promising 180.

Smith and Houghton didn't disappoint in the opening overs as the former took one with the latter taking two to reduce St Mary's to 10-3.

Stubborn resistance from Hirst and Reid kept St Mary's in the game, despite tight bowling from Tromp and James Salleh.

Grey clouds were just as effective as Hirst and Reid were to threaten Skem's commanding position, but hankfully, the rain ceased while the run-rate increased.

Phil Wright started where he left off last week as he cashed in taking two wickets including the crucial scalp of Hirst.

St Mary's offered a fight back and threatened Skem needed a breakthrough to consolidate their position.

Thankfully, Matthew Wright claimed the wicket of Reid courtesy of a tremendous catch at long on by Tromp.

Skem then cantered to an easy win as they reduced St Mary's to 151.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm): Bootle v Leigh, Colwyn Bay v Southport & Birkdale, Ormskirk v Wallasey, Orrell Red Triangle v Northern, Rainhill v Formby, Ainsdale v Highfield, Fleetwood Hesketh v Old Xaverians, Caldy v Southport Trinity, Hightown St Mary's v Burscough, and Parkfield Liscard v Maghull.

Work gets underway on Burscough's new stadium

WORK is set to start on Burscough FC's new stadium next to their present home at Victoria Park.

Club officials say a programme of works is about to start to prepare the new facility.

This will involve altering the existing pitch to allow construction access to the new development but the club say this would meet FA requirements.

The club is yet to decide whether the new stadium will have a grass or artificial pitch.

Burscough FC chairman Mike Swift, said: "This important milestone in the club's long and proud heritage has been achieved following the grant of planning consent, obtaining the site and assembling the finance for a significant construction project.

"To achieve delivery of the village's new forward looking facility, the existing pitch at Victoria Park has been altered with FA ratification.

"This will facilitate the essential service highway as the new stadium must be constructed, graded and commissioned before the fixtures can be transferred.

"As the new season fast approaches, the well used grass playing surface is being cared for with summer break and growing season maintenance by specialist contractors.

"Work on the final fittings for the new stadium are being supervised by the retained and experienced architects, with a working party of club supporters who were briefed after the club's recent AGM.

"High on the working party's agenda is the new stadium's playing surface, grass or artificial at the best possible grade.

"Study tour visits to other recently commissioned stadia are in process."

Once the team are able to play at the new stadium, the old Victoria Park will be developed for housing with 52 homes set to be built on the site.

Club president Rod Cottam and treasurer Stuart Heaps were joined by supporters, match day volunteers, club secretary Steve Halliwell, director of football and First Team manager Dave Sutton, and director of finance Martin Gilchrist.

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